

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1064

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe David Watkins of
Middleton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Joe David Watkins; and

WHEREAS, Joe Watkins was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins bravely served his country in the United States Marine Corps
Reserve, attaining the rank of sergeant; he loved everything about the Marine Corps, and in his
retirement, he served in the Marine Corps League; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-six years, Mr. Watkins was employed with Levi Strauss; he began
in the jeans division and quickly earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the
exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, in his leisure time, he pursued his love for old cars; he especially enjoyed
his 1965 Mustang; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports fan, he was a close follower of the University of Tennessee
sports teams, particularly the Tennessee Volunteers football team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watkins was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always
endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will be lovingly remembered by his wife of fifty-five years, Robbie
Watkins; his two sons, Joe David Watkins II and James D. Watkins; his grandchildren, Davey
Virginia Watkins, Cameron Bryant Watkins, Lucy Kaye Watkins, and Sadie James Watkins; his
sisters, Hazel Taylor and Nelle Burgess; his brothers, John Ed Watkins, Leon Watkins, Ray

Watkins, Jerry Watkins, Jimmy Lynn Watkins, and Timmy Watkins; and his friends Jimmy Dennie and Ricky Dennie, who were like brothers to him; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Aubrey Watkins, and his wife, Hazel Watkins; his mother, Mary Francis Tacker Watkins; a sister, Lisa Watkins; and a brother, Kenneth Watkins; and

WHEREAS, Joe Watkins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joe David Watkins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Watkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.